

## DUREGE'S LOVE AND \$900.

## HIS INFATUATION WITH THE GIRL WHO, HE SAYS, DUPED HIM.

The Aged Professor Testifies as to His Misadventure with Belle Clinton, and One of His Letters Tells the Real Story, Delivered by His Kitchen Way, He Says.

The examination of Belle Clinton or May Rivers, who is accused of being a swindler, by whom Prof. John Durgee was duped, began yesterday at 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. before Justice Waugh in the Adams Street Police Court in Brooklyn. The court room was crowded, but the girl met the concentrated gaze of the spectators with marked composure. District Attorney Buckus conducted the prosecution.

Prof. Durgee testified that he saw the girl for the first time in a New York theatre party five months ago and became acquainted with her through a flirtation. He was the first to speak. She had a furnished room in New York at the time and he visited her there regularly every evening until September, when he took her to Brooklyn. She made his deposits in the bank. On Dec. 17 she told him she was in trouble and asked him for \$50 to take her to Boston, he said. He agreed to give her \$10 a week and wrote out a check for that amount. She destroyed the check, he asserted, by spilling ink over it and asked him to let her fill out another one.

"I said, 'certainly,'" continued the Professor, "and she filled it out and I signed R. She did it in her kitchen way and I was not suspicious of her. She put the check in her stocking and I did not see it again. I gave her three other checks, amounting to \$17.50 in all, and asked her to cash them for me. When she returned from the bank she gave me \$2.50 and asked me for the \$10 to take her to Boston. I gave her the money and she left. I gave her the check I went to the Kings County Trust Company to see about it, for it struck me like thunder that the woman had raised the check. Then I learned that she had drawn \$1,000. President Fairchild of the bank asked me if I wanted to have the woman arrested, and told me it would be a terrible disgrace to me if that story came out, and that to a respectable person would send his daughter to me for tuition. I subsequently saw the superintendent of Pinkerton's agency about it. I did not want to send the regular detective after her because I had sin faith in them."

This letter was received from the girl was then put into evidence.

BOSTON, Jan. 17.—A trial for embezzlement performed as I told you I would. I have now an interview with the detectives you sent after me. How could it be otherwise? I am not surprised, but rather than to think I would stand by and let you carry out your scheme. Remember me as old and if you care to do so, write to me again. I am still your father, don't for my sake, set yourself in such trouble. It is too much of you to dream of getting home. The more you do, the more you will be blamed. Remember, son, I have proofs, and will use them. You are not to be swayed by what has been done to me, and so be careful. I have got the date fixed as there is no time to lose. Furthermore, if you do not come to me, I will go to you, or send me the money and I will come and see you. Anything will do, and if you have no money, help you to coming to New York and putting myself in the hands of some old man who will be glad to help you as the same Bell Clinton old warrener and deriding everybody.

Yours ever, JOHN E. BROWN, Mass.

On the back of this letter Prof. Durgee had made this memorandum:

Only this, I will be more miserable than I have been ever since you left me in New York. I can only hope to make the most of my time here in the world or an outcast or otherwise. You can only depend upon me to do my best. If you know how much I have suffered for your sake, you would have pitied me. I have not, but you told—

"What did you mean by writing that?" asked Mr. Durkee.

"Well, the Professor answered, "she was continually in my mind, and was a sort of mind reading or talking to myself."

On cross-examination by Baldwin F. Strauss the Professor said that he previously had been engaged in a law office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. A question as to some previous trouble in which he was involved with a woman was ruled out.

"You are in your heart," Mr. Strauss asked, "that this young woman changed the writing on the check?"

"Yes, I am in your heart," Mr. Strauss said, "that this young woman changed the writing on the check."

"Did you make any check in your office. That is my honest opinion," was the reply.

Durege said he was a married man, and that his wife, from whom he was not divorced, lived in New York. In the Professor's manner when he testified that there was a certain young man who used to visit Miss Clinton while he was out giving music lessons.

John A. Griffin, paying teller of the bank, testified that when the girl presented the check she said she had lost it, and that she had no money. She did not excite any suspicion, as it was supposed she was Prof. Durgee's daughter.

The girl then stated and confirmed her story that she was living in Athole, Mass., a short distance from Fitchburg. She had been there a short time, and when she met Prof. Durgee when she came to live with him in Brooklyn she made herself useful and always deposited his money in the bank. She soon left Brooklyn, however, and went to her home, and that she showed it to her lawyer before she had it cashed. "When I learned," she continued, "that the detectives had been in my parsonage, I decided to leave New York at once for my arrest. I decided to clear myself. I wrote to Mr. Fairchild of the bank and told him all about the transaction. He gave me a note to me when I said it was feathered in the name of Mrs. Clinton while he was out giving music lessons."

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Justice Walsh reserved his decision until Monday.

## CALLED TO A BOSTON PULPIT.

## A Flattering Offer to the Rev. Dr. Woecklin of Brooklyn.

The Rev. Dr. Cornelius Woelklin, pastor of the Greene Avenue Baptist Church in Brooklyn, has received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Clarendon Street Baptist Church in Boston, although he wrote a letter last week to the officers of the Boston church asking that his name be not considered, as he did not feel that he could accept. Dr. Woelklin said yesterday that he would not consider the proposition until he had received official notice of the call.

Dr. Woelklin's present salary is \$3,000 a year, and is the largest the Boston church has offered him at least twice that amount.

## Drew Never Heard of Him.

The trial of George S. Benson, who is charged with having solicited subscriptions and agents for a mythical magazine, which he called "The American Patriot," and for which, according to his story, a number of prominent men, including Gen. Porter, ex-President Harrison, and Chauncey M. Depew, were to furnish articles, was adjourned to New Haven and a jury in the criminal branch of the court was impaneled yesterday morning. Dr. Durgee testified that he did not know Benson and had never heard of him until the arrest was made. The case is still on.

## Mrs. McCauley Discharged.

Mrs. Margaret McCauley, who was arrested on Wednesday on suspicion that she had appropriated money collected by her for charitable purposes under the name of Miss M. Crimmins, was discharged by Ministerial Judge in Essex County, N. Y. Her son, James John H. Foley, declared that Mrs. McCauley was irresponsible, and was a monomaniac on the subject of collection for religious institu-

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales Jan. 22.

UNITED STATES AND STATE BONDS (\$1,000,000). 1 Louis 46. 100.

2 U.S. Sac. 100.

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

*Bid. Asked.*

U. S. 5% c. 1904-113 115%

U. S. 4% c. 1907-1904 106 105

U. S. 4% c. 1912-1918 113 106

U. S. 4% c. 1919-1925 104 102

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RAILROAD AND OTHER BONDS (\$1,000).

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